

#### CONGRESS AND THE SERVICE.

SENATE. -Mr. Plumb introduced a bill (3240) to reduce the pay proper of the minors enlisted

in the Army.
Mr. Turple adversely reported the bill (H. 5488) to increase the pension of Mary M. Gibson, widow of Comdr. Wilson Gibson.

Mr. Sawyer reported the bill (1546) granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Sallie M. Michler, widow of the late Brig. Gen. Nathaniel

Michler, U. S. A. Mr. Farwell introduced a bill granting a pension of \$2,000 a year to Mary, widow of the late

Maj. Gen. George Crook.

Mr. Gorman introduced a joint resolution authorizing Comdr. Dennis W. Mullan to accept a medal Chili presented to him as a memento of his presence at the headqrs. of the Chilian army at the battles of Chorillos and Miraflores, in Peru.

Mr. Chandler introduced a bill (3278) to amend Section 416 of the Revised Statutes rela-tive to the establishment of the Navy Dept. Mr. Manderson adversely reported the bill (943) making an appropriation for the estab-

lishment of a military post in the interior of Alaska.
Mr. Allen introduced a bill (3306) for the purchase of a site for a naval station and dry-dock in the State of Washington.

House .- Mr. O'Neill introduced a bill (8548) concerning the rank and pay of certain naval officers who have served a full term as chief of a

Mr. Breekinridge introduced a bill (8559) for the relief of Maj. G. C. Goodloe, paymr. Marine

Mr. Stockbridge introduced a bill (8524) for the rebuilding of the revenue steamer Thomas Ewing with an iron hull.

Mr. Breckinridge introduced a bill (8525) to regulate the pay of minors enlisted in the

Mr. Cutcheon favorably reported the bill (8201) to amend the Articles of War relative to punishment on conviction by courts-martial. He also reported with amendment the bill (7989) to promote the administration of justice in the

Army.
Mr. Browne favorably reported the bill (8. 2483) increasing the salary of the supervising surg. gen. of the marine hospital service.
Mr. Snider introduced a bill (8615) for the re-

lief of Eli Small, late asst. surg. 152d New York

Mr. Wright introduced a bill (8680) for the erection of a monument to the memory of Brig. Gen. Samuel Meredith, at Belmont Manor, Wayne Co., Pa.

Mr. Atkinson introduced a bill (8691) granting an increase of pension to Gen. J. A. J. Lightburn.

Mr. Spinola introduced a bill (8784) to reappoint Warren C. Beach a capt, in the Army and place him the retired list, in addition to the number now authorized

Mr. Thomas reported with amendment the bill (3640) for the relief of the crew of the Wyoming.

Cadet Andrew M. Punch, 4th class, Military Academy, is granted leave on surg.'s certificate until August 30.

Maj. James W. Scully, Q. M., is ordered to the National Cemetery, Chattanooga, Tenn.

The extension of leave on surg,'s certificate granted Capt. John M. Norvell, 12th Inf., is extended 3 months.

Lieut, J. P. Scriver, 3d Art., has returned to the city after a Southern trip undertaken for the benefit of his health.

Asst. Sec. Chandler has gone to his home at Independence, Kan., for a visit of some weeks.

The remains of Gen. Francis H. Smith were interred with military honors Monday afternoon at Lexington, Va., Rev. R. G. McBride officiating. Gen. Scott Shipp superintended the corps of instructors and the cadets of the Virginia Military Institute, who attended in a body, with side arms. A special train from Richmond brought a number of old cadets to attend the funeral.

Post Chaps. S. G. Dodd, J. A. M. Latourette, and David Wilson have been placed on the re-

Lieut. Charles W. Clay, 17th Inf., is detailed as professor of military science and tactics at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Lexington, Ky., on Sept. 1., relieving Lt. Dillard H. Clark, 15th Inf., who will join his co. Lt. Clay will report at the college Aug. 1.

Maj. James H. Lord is granted 1 month and 30 days' leave on surg's, certificate.

Maj. William F. Tucker, paymr., is ordered to Washington Barracks, Fort Myer, Va.; Fort McHenry, Md., and Fort Monroe, Va., to pay the troops at those stations.

The following transfers will be made May 1: Lt. Col. William M. Graham, from the 1st Art. to the 5th Art.; Lt. Col. Richard Lodor, from the 5th Art. to the 1st Art.: Lt. Col. Graham will join the 5th Art. upon its arrival in the Div. of the Pacific, and Lt. Col. Lodor will join the 1st Art, when it arrives in the Div, of the

Maj. Peter D. Vroom, insp. gen., on the expiration of his leave, is ordered to report in person to the Insp. Gen of the Army, this city, for temporary duty in his office.

Capt. Henry P. Birmingham, asst. surg., is relieved from station at Fort Klamath, Ore., and from temporary duty at Vancouver Barracks, Wash., and will report to the commanding officer of Boise Barracks, Idaho.

Lieut. John E. Myers, 3d Art., is granted 4 months' leave.

The resignation of Lt. Harvey D. Reed, 25th Inf., is accepted by the President, to take effect

The following changes of stations of post chaptains are ordered: Chap. George W. Simp son, from Fort Brown, Tex., to Alcatraz Island, Cal.; Chap. George W. Dunbar, from the Presidio of San Francisco to Fort Bridger, Wyo.; Chap. George Robinson, from San Antonio, Tex., to Fort Davis, Tex.; Chap. John B. Mc-Cleery, from the Military Prison, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to Fort Assimilatione, Mont.; Chap. Orville J. Nave, from Fort Omaha, Neb., to Fort Niobrara, Neb.; Chap. Sherman M. Merrill, from Fort Clark, Tex., to Fort Reno, Ind. rill, from Fort Clark, Tex., to Fort Reno, Ind.
Ter.; Chap. John D. Parker, from Fort Riley,
Kan., to Fort Robinson, Neb.; Chap. Thomas
W. Barry, from Fort Sidney, Neb., to Fort
Sully, S. D.; Chap. William H. Scott. from
Benleis Barracks, Cal., to Fort Du Chesne,
Utah Ter.; Chap. Joseph A. Potter, from San
Diego Barracks, Cal., to Fort Clark, Tex.; Chap.
Brant C. Hammond, from Fort Douglas, Utah.

to Fort Apache, Ariz.; Chap. William H. Pearson, from Alcatraz Island, Cal., to Fort Shaw, Mont.; Chap. John F. Dolphin, from Fort Snelling, Minn., to Fort Yates, N. D. The chaplains thus transferred will join their new stations by June 1, excepting those who may be absent on leaves; those so absent will join at the expiration of their leaves of absence, respec-

Lieut. Henry T. Allen, 2d Cav., now on duty West Point, is ordered to duty as an attaché of the U. S. Legation at St. Petersburg.

Lieut, Luigi Lornia, 5th Art., is ordered abroad on special mil. service, particularly in

Lieut, S. C. Mills, 12th Inf., now abroad on leave, is given 6 months' foreign duty, commencing at Denmark.

The extension of leave granted Lt. William E. P. French, 3d Inf., is further extended 15 days. Post Chap, Brant C. Hammond is granted 4

The retirement of Col. George A. Forsyth, 4th Cav., will cause the following promotions: Maj. Auson Mills, 10th Cav., to be lt. col. 4th Cav.; Capt. Stevens T. Norvell, 10th Cav., to be maj. same regt.; 1st Lt. Levi P. Hunt, 10th Cav., to be capt., and 2d Lt. William H. Smith, 10th Cav. Cav., to be 1st It.

Capt. Ira McNutt, Ord. Dept., is ordered to this city to report to chief of ord.

Paymr. Gen. Smith arrived Wednesday night from St. Paul to assume his new duties. Capt. Thomas J. Gregg, 2d Cav., is placed on

Maj. Gen. John M. Schofield is assigned tem porarily to the comd. of Div. Mo.

Second Lieut. George D. DeShon, 23d Inf. resigned March 21.

The extension of leave granted Capt. Henry P. Perrine, 6th Cav., is further extended to April 1 on surg.'s certificate.

The extension of leave granted Capt. John A. Darling, 1st Art., is further extended 2 months on surg.'s certificate.

Lieut. Col. George A. Forsyth, 4th Cav., is placed on the retired list.

The following have been appointed cadets at West Point: W. H. Paine, 3d Dist. Conn.; William W. Connell, 11th Dist. N. Y.; O. L. Powell, 5th Dist. Ohio, and Hamilton S. Hawkins, New Castle, Del.

The Steele court-martial closed Tuesday, and the findings of the court were forwarded to Maj. Gen. Schofield. What they are will not be officially made known for some time, but the impression is that suspension for six months on half pay and confinement within the limits of his post will be Steele's punishment.

Lieut. Frank E. Hobbs, Ord. Dept., is ordered from South Bethlehem, Pa., to the works of the Standard Steel Casting Co., Thurlow, Pa., on business connected with the inspection of ma-

terial to be furnished the Ord. Dept. Lieut, Fred. S. Calhoun, 14th Inf., is granted leave of absence on account of disability until further orders.

Post Chap. Henry Swift is relieved from duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and assigned to duty at the military prison at that place.

The leave of Lt. Alex. D. Schenck, 2d Art., is extended 6 months.

The following transfers take place May 1; Lt. Col. William M. Graham, from 1st Art. to 5th Art.; Lt. Col. Richard Lodor, from the 5th Art. to the 1st.

Col. Horace Brooks (retired) died Wednesday last at his home in Detroit.

The remains of the late Gen. George Crook were conveyed from Chicago to Oakland, Md., where on Monday the final services and interment took place. Rev. J. E. Moffatt officiated at the final religious rites. Over 1,000 persons were in attendance, among them many distinguished soldiers and civilians. Mrs. Crook was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Reed; Col. H. C. Corbin, asst. adjt. gen.; Col. E. M. Heyl, insp. gen.; Col. Thaddeus Stanton, paymr.; Lt. C. B. Scofield, aid to Gen. Scofield; Gen. Samuel Breek, Capt. George S. Anderson Capt. uel Breck, Capt. George S. Anderson, Capt. John G. Bourke, for many years aid to Gen. Crook; Webb Hayes, son of the ex-President; Gen. Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, and Representative William McKinley, Jr. Ex-President Hayes accompanied the funeral train from Chicago to Fostoria, Ohio.

## THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.

Lieut, William W. Kimball is detached from the Bureau of Ord., and granted furlough for

Chief Eng. A. H. Able is detached from the Baltimore April 1, and ordered to duty at Messrs. Cramp & Sons', Philadelphia, as insp. of machinery of the Newark.

Chief Eng. B. B. H. Wharton is detached from duty as insp. of machinery at Cramp's ship yard, Philadelphia, and ordered to the Philadelphia. Chap. Donald McLaren is detached from the Navy Yard, New York, May 1, and placed on waiting orders.

On March 6 the Atlanta and Boston left Genoa, being here joined by the Chicago off Tine Island that afternoon. The squadron practiced various evolutions on the 7th and arrived at Naples on the 8th, where salutes were ex-changed with forts and fleets. The seamen gunners on the 9th were kept busy firing salutes as the many distinguished naval officials who called on Adm. Walker took leave of him. During the stay of the squadron at Villifranche 7 men de-serted—5 from the Chicago, 2 from the York-

The Sec. has approved the report of the board of officers appointed to witness the tests of the pneumatic guns of the dynamite cruiser Ve-

The resignation of Ensign E. W. Sutphen, to take effect June 30, is accepted.

P. A. Surg. Howard E. Armes is ordered to

Francisco, in connection with the fitting out of the San Francisco for sea service.

Chief Eng. Philip Inch is detached from duty at the Vulcan Iron Works, Chicago, and or dered to the Charleston as fleet eng. of the

A four-paged pamphlet, entitled "Some Im-

portant Achievements of the Navy in Time of Peace," written by Rear Adm. J. J. Almy, has been issued by the Navy Dept. A letter from Sec. Tracy has been received by the Newark  $(N,J_{\cdot})$  Board of Trade thanking them for the gift of a bell to the Newark.

A letter has been received in the city from the Alliance, now on her way to China, bearing date of Bermuda, March 16. Unusually severe easterly gales had been encountered after leaving Norfolk, and the supply of coal had run short, compelling the vessel to put in at Bermuda to take on more. The reported collision between the Alliance and a schooner off the capes evidently was without foundation, as no mention of such an occurrence was made. She is again on her Eastern course.

The Fish Commission steamer Albatross, Lt. Comdr. Z. L. Tanner, engaged in exploring the Pacific Coast, has arrived at San Francisco.

Lieut, V. L. Cothnan is detached from the St. Mary's school-ship, and ordered to continue on special duty in connection with the Marine

Chief Eng. William S. Smith is detached from

the Charleston, and placed on waiting orders. The orders of Lieut. Comdr. William H. Webb to the League Island Navy Yard are revoked, and he is granted 4 months' leave.

Information has been received at the Navy Dept. that the recent trial of the gunboat Petrel was satisfactory.

The Iroquois arrived at San Francisco Wednesday from Port Townsend. Before sailing from that port, 6 months ago, she was for some time at Mare Island, where she underwent \$100,000 worth of repairing. Oct. 18 she arrived at Honolulu, taking 28 days to make the voyage, which was completed by the Australia in 7. She was ordered to Samoa Nov. 16, and was to stop at Marshall Islands on the way. Dec. 23 the piston-rod of the engine broke, and the Iroquois was made dependent upon her sails. She was headed about for Honolulu, 2,500 miles away, but was driven further to the north, until this project had to be abandoned. and San Francisco was made for instead. By the last of Jan. the prospect of a long and perilous trip was apparent to officers and crew, and economizing in fuel and food became nec-essary. Feb. 15 the crew was put on short The Iroquois arrived at the entrance of the Straits of Fuca March 1, and was towed to Port Townsend, where she was provisioned and coaled.

Pay Director Thomas H. Smith is detached from duty as gen. insp. of the Pay Corps and ordered to assume the duties of chief of the Bureau of Clothing and Provision. His commission dates from the 27th inst.

Lieut. H. S. Freeman is detached from the Navy Yard, New York, and granted 6 months' Asst. Eng. C. H. Hayes is detached from the

Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va., and ordered to the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H. Sec. Tracy left for New York Friday after-

The Baltimore will leave the Norfolk Navy Yard for the city of Baltimore about May 15. The Petrel, which put out to sea on Wednesday last for a trial trip, and was forced to return to Norfolk for repairs to her machinery, will shortly proceed on her trip.

Comdr. Joseph B. Coghlan, who was recently court-martialed on charges of conduct unbecom-ing an officer and a gentleman in having written a newspaper article, criticising and ridiculing the administration of naval affairs, in the absence of proof from civilians, who have re-fused to testify against him, will be acquitted. Comdr. Coghlan has written to Sec. Tracy requesting that he be restored to the command of the Monican, which request is not likely to be granted.

Paymr. Gen. Hooker has already taken charge of the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing.

Ensign James C. Drake, at present on waiting orders in this city, is ordered to join the Alliance at Alexandria, Egypt. Asst, Eng. Robert S. Griffin is promoted to

be passed asst. eng. Practically the Naval Appropriation bill was completed by the House Naval Com. yesterday,

and may be reported to-morrow.

## DISTRICT MILITARY.

Mr. Fred. Brackett, Chief Clerk of the Treasury Dept., will accept the position of Maj. of the 2d Batt.

On Thursday evening next, at 8:30 o'clock, the regular dress parade of the 3d Batt, will be eld on Vermont avenue, facing the Arlington. After the dress parade the batt, will return to the armory, deposit their arms, reform, and march to the Light Infantry Armory, to attend the fair to be held by Lincoln Post No. 3.

Capt. Richard A. O'Brien, Co. A. 4th Batt., is selected as one of the judges of the competitive drill to be held in New York City, April 8.

At the regular meeting of the Veteran Association, Co. A, W. L. I., held in G. A. R. Hall, Thursday night, Col. Amos Webster presiding, the by-laws, rules, and regulations were considered, but action on them was postponed until the regular meeting, April 10 After this busi-ness was disposed of the following officers were elected: 1st Vice Prest., Lt. George C. Thomas; elected: 1st Vice Prest., Lt. George C. Thomas; 2d Vice Prest., Sergt. George Wooldridge; Sec., John J. Byrne; Treas., Charles A. Dunnington; also a Board of Managers, consisting of Lt. B. D. Creamer, Sergt. J. R. O'Bryan, Sergt. S. A. Gregory, Corp. J. E. Keefe, Corp. A. I. Mudd, Corp. W. H. Degges, P. H. McLaughlin, John A. Downs, and Charles La Hayne.

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The following schedule for instruction in rifle and carbine firing and for gallery practice in the month of April is issued by Adjt. Gen. Long: First Batt.—Co. A, Friday, April 11; Co. B, Friday, April 11; Co. B, Friday, April 11; Co. B, Friday, April 13. Second Batt.—Co. A, Tuesday, April 3. Second Batt.—Co. A, Tuesday, April 15; Co. B, Monday, April 7. Third Batt.—Co. A, Monday, April 7. Third Batt.—Co. A, Monday, April 28; Co. B, Friday, April 18; Co. C, Wednesday, April 30; Co. C, Tuesday, April 30; Co. C, Tuesday, April 32; Co. B, Friday, April 18; Co. C, Tuesday, April 32; Co. C, Tuesday, April 32; Co. C, Tuesday, April 32; Co. D, Monday, April 30; Co. D, Monday, April 30; Co. D, Monday, April 32; Co. D, Tuesday, April 33; Co. D, Tuesday, April 34; Co. C, Tuesday, April 34; Co. C, Tuesday, April 34; Co. D, Tuesday, Apr

Wednesday, April 9; Co. D. Wednesday, April 23. Sixth Batt.—Co. A. Wednesday, April 2; Co. B. Wednesday, April 16; Co. C. Thursday, April 17. Seventh Batt.—Co. A. Saturday, April 5; Co. B, Saturday, April 5. Eighth Batt.—Co. A, Friday, April 4; Co. B, Friday, April 25. Cav. troop, Saturday, April 19. The gen. staff and the field and staff officers and non-com, staff of regts., Saturday, April 26. The field and staff officers and non-com, staff of batts., the evenings assigned to Co. A of their respective battalions. Practice for the month of April will be at 300 and 600 yards; each man will fire one score at each distance, and his scores will be recorded. Cos. will be reported at the rifle gallery promptly at 8 o'clock P. M. on the dates specified, in undress uniform, armed, and equipped. In case of rain or snow they may be marched to the gallery without arms.

#### G. A. R. ITEMS.

The G. A. R. transportation committee of the Dist. have secured quarters for the local depts. during the annual encampment to be held in Boston in May next. The headqrs. will be established at the Hotel Vendome. It is thought the Union Veteran Corps, (Co. A, 3d Batt.,) Capt. Fred Thompson, will attend.

To-morrow night Comdr.-in-Chief Urell and staff will leave the G. A. R. Hall at 8 o'clock, escorted by the Old Guard, to attend the Lincoln Post No. 3 fair in the Light Inf. Armory.

Wednesday night Logan Post of the G. A. R. tendered a reception to the Woman's Logan Relief Corps, of Anacostia, at Gray's Hall. was a very enjoyable affair. Mr. Hendricks, of Buruside Corps from Washington, rendered valuable assistance. The refreshments for the inner man were "hard tack," coffee, served in tin cups, and molasses candy. The Anacostia Glee Club were in splendid voice, and added very greatly to the success of the occasion. There was a large attendance of visitors, as well as a goodly turn-out of Reliefs and the gentlemen of the corps, who gallantly entertained their coworkers in behalf of the old soldiers and their families. Among those present were Mrs. Peck, the president of the Relief Corps; Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Piles, Mr. and Mrs. Doney, Prof. and Miss Nettie Messer, Mrs. Babbitt, Mrs. Elliott, Dr. and Mrs. Grant, and many others.

Local G. A. R. men are discussing the advisability of extending an invitation to the National Encampment of the Grand Army to hold its session of 1891 in Washington. The Encampment meets in Boston this year, and if the Grand Army men here are assured of the cooperation of the citizens in raising the funds neces sarv, they will exert themselves to induce the Encampment to select this city as the place for holding their sessions in 1891. The matter is under consideration by a committee of G. A. R.

The 23d anniversary of the organization of their post was held Wednesday evening by Kit Carson Post No. 2, at G. A. R. Hall. Many ladies were in attendance. J. S. Erly, chairman of the committee on entertainment comed the large gathering on behalf of the post and gave a short sketch of its history. It was organized March 27, 1867, in the old Capi-tol Prison, with 10 members, among whom was Kit Carson. After his death the post adopted his name. From the small band of 10 it has grown to be one of the largest in the G. A. R. On its rolls the following names are to be found: Fremont, Kit Carson, Ammen, Baird, Kelly, Payne, Van Vliet, Burdett, and many others noted during the late war. The only member at present in good standing of the post who was present at its organization is Past Comdr. L. M. Cutler, now an employé of the Senate. The programme consisted of a drill by sixteen young ladies of the Maury School, (all daughters of veterans,) a piano solo by Bessie Erly, an exhibition of Edison's phonograph, ventriloquism by Professor Cross, recitations by little Rosalie Bartlett and Mr. Willasey, and speeches by Senator Hawley, Gens. Van Dervies and Burnett, and Past Junior Vice Dept. Comdr. of New York J. C. Carlyle, Kit Carson Fife and Drum Corps was on hand. The exercises were conducted by Comrade Cutler.

## READY FOR THE WORD.

Prospects of a Successful Race Meeting at Bennings This Week.

All necessary preparations have been made for the inaugural meeting of the Washington Jockey Club. On Tuesday next Starter Lee is expected to give the signal for the horses to go, and it is hoped that it will be the initial day of a successful career on the track.

Experienced horsemen who have seen the track and noted the thoroughness which characterizes everything pertaining to it have made such complimentary remarks as should make the management feel proud of what they have accomplished. That President Draney and his coworkers, in the face of fallure at Ivy City, should have had the courage to renew the sport is worthy of much commendation.

Owners of stables have responded quite liberally, and it looks as though the Ivy City acrequisition. It will be no great inconvenience to use the Ivy City stables, as the walk over to the Washington track is a comparatively short one. The grand stand and pool lawn are now finished and ready for occupancy.

The Baltimore and Potomac Road is making a platform sufficient to accommodate the crowds expected, and from this platform a neat board walk has been laid to the entrance of the grounds. A large tank is being erected just back of the stables which will be kept filled

with clear, spring water.

Reports have gone out of some fast time which has been made at the track. It is said that one of the most noted horses covered a mile in 1:43 without urging. It is certainly fair to assume that from the number of horses on hand some good racing will be witnessed. It is said that the Messrs. Dwyer have concluded to send a number of their horses on to compete

for the purses. Persons contemplating making a visit to the meeting will be glad to note that the admission to all parts of the course is put at a dollar, which is a material reduction from the usual rate heretofore prevailing. This will no doubt increase the attendance.

It is a novel and beautiful sight on Easter Sunday, especially if it is a bright and warm day, to see the ladies with their new bonnets and bats, representing hundreds of colors and styles, and no one alike. Many of these bats no doubt will be purchased from Mrs. Schellinger. 606 Eleventh street northwest, as she has lately returned from New York, bringing a well-selected stock of hats and bonnets, representing the latest styles.

#### NEW SOUTHERN INDUSTRIES.

Greater Activity Than Ever Before Known

in That Section. CHATTANOOGA, TENN., March 29.-Reports compiled by the Tradesman of the new industries established during the first three months of 1890 in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia show a total of 853 against a total of 691 for the same period in 1889. The Tradesman reports from all sections of the Southern States indicate a greater activity in the planting of new industries in the South at present than at any previous time in its history. The most notable feature in the report shows that sixty-four cotton and woollen mills were established in the three months, against thirty-five in the corresponding quarter of last year. During the three months twenty-four electric light works were organized, forty-three flour and grist mills, forty-three foundry and machine shops; twenty-three blast furnace companies were organized, against seventeen in the corresponding quarter last year; twentyseven ice factories were organized, against twenty-four in the same period last year, fortynine mining companies, twenty-one oil mills, seven potteries, eleven rolling mill companies, fifty street railway companies, against seven-teen in the corresponding period of last year; eighteen water works companies, 167 wood-working establishments, against an aggregate of 130 in the corresponding period of last year. A noticeable feature is that not a single natural gas or oil company has been reported in the past three months as organized in the South.

#### LIVELY LEGISLATION.

A Congressional Bill Enacted Into Law in Three Days.

President Harrison yesterday signed the bill which suspends for a year the operations of the law requiring steamboats to carry life lines and guns for projecting them. This bill was reported by Mr. Frye from the Senate Committee on Commerce Thursday and passed at once. It was sent to the House, arriving there when that body was sitting in Committee of the Whole. In order to receive the bill, the committee rose, the House was called to order, the message read, the bill referred, and the House again went into the Committee of the Whole. The bill was reported on Friday and passed yesterday. In the House, Senator Frye personally followed it to the enrolling clerk, thence to the Speaker of the House and to the President of the Senate for their signatures, and carried it to the White House, when President Harrison gave it his formal approval, thus making it a law. The reason for this haste was that a number of steamers were in port ready to sail, and waiting only to learn whether or not they should be compelled to purchase appliances named in the original act.

#### .... DISTINGUISHED GALLANTRY

Displayed by Our Cavalrymen in Fighting

Bad Indians. The War Department is in receipt of despatches from Col. Grierson under date of Los Angeles, Cal., March 26, giving details of the pursuit and capture of the five Indians who killed Freighter Herbert near Fort Thomas on the 2d instant. Two were killed and three captured by Lieut. Watson's command on Salt River. Col. Grierson speaks of this as one of the most complete and successful affairs that has occurred on the frontier in many years, and that it reflects great credit on the officers and men engaged. He recommends the prompt award of brevets and medals usual in cases of distinguished gallantry and says: "This great success in conjunction with the prompt removal of the disaffected element to Fort Union has very probably prevented a serious outbreak and will tend to effectually quiet the Indians on the San Carlos reservation." Watson's detachment consists of Lieut. Clark, Tenth Cavalry; men from troops L, K, and I, Tenth Cavalry, and some Indian scouts.

.... A New Government Office Proposed. Representative McCormick reported to the House from the Committee on the Judiciary a bill making it the duty of the Department of Justice to collect and classify the criminal statistics of the United States, to examine annually the penal institutions of the country, and to ascertain the methods of treatment, discipline, etc., and to gather information concerning crime and its causes, and to establish a central office for the identification of criminals. The Attorney General is authorized to appoint one chief clerk and not exceeding two assistant chief clerks for the work contemplated. sum of \$15,000 is appropriated to carry out the provisions of this act.

## Bought a Railroad.

St. Augustine, Fla., March 29.-Henry H. Jackson, of New York, and Charles Tremaine, of Oswego, have purchased at foreclosure sale the Tavares, Apopka and Gulf Railroad. Thirty miles of the road are already in operation and it will be extended to Oakland shortly.

Purchases of bonds by Government vesterday, \$58,000 at 123 for 4 per cents.

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